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End of the School Year

As we reach the end of another academic year, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our pupils, staff, and families for their incredible hard work and achievements. Your dedication, resilience, and enthusiasm have made this year fantastic. As we look forward to a well-deserved summer break, we also share great hope and excitement for all that awaits us in September. Wishing everyone a restful holiday!

Farewell to Year 6

Today we said a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. We want to let you know how proud we are of all you have achieved during your time here. You have grown, learned, and contributed so much to our school community. We wish you every success and happiness in your future endeavours and hope you carry fond memories of your time with us. Good luck in your new schools—you will all be brilliant!

<u>Summer Music Theory Course – August 2025</u>

Join our Summer Music Theory Course at Bishop Wood School, Tring, from Monday 4th to Thursday 7th August 2025. Two levels are available: Grades 1–2 (10am.–12pm) for ages 7–10 already learning an instrument, and Grade 5 (1–3pm.) for ages 11–16 working at Grade 4+ level. The course follows the ABRSM syllabus and helps students build essential music theory knowledge, covering everything from note values and key signatures to transposition and musical context. The 4-day course costs £80 and requires the relevant ABRSM "Discovering Music Theory" book(s), pencils, rubber, and manuscript paper.

Led by Shaun Lyon, an experienced music educator and graduate of the Royal Academy of Music. To register or for enquiries, contact shaunlyon@btinternet.com or 07964 066075.

Please note that this is not just for Bishop Wood pupils - further details are available here.

Breakfast and Supper Club Update

Thank you to those of you who responded to the survey regarding Friday afternoon sessions. We are still not at the stage where there is enough need to run the club but we will continue to review this as the new school year progresses.

We will be welcoming some new staff to the club in September. Elin Doyle and Violet Atkins will be joining the team. Please join us in welcoming them to Bishop Wood. Charlotte Miller will also be taking up a new role within the club as Deputy Manager.

Accessing the Teacher

If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, there are several ways to get in touch. For small queries or a quick chat, teachers are regularly available informally at the end of the day. If you would like a longer conversation, you can request a call back by letting the teacher know or emailing the school office. For urgent matters, please approach the front office directly so we can make sure your concerns are addressed promptly. Debs and Sarah are always happy to help!

Little Spinning Yarns Club

Children in Years 3 to 6 are invited to join this creative and relaxing after-school club where they can explore crochet, knitting, weaving, felting, and more. The club runs on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:45pm, starting on Thursday 4th September, and spans 15 sessions. All materials and a snack are included in the cost of £10 per session (£150 total, payable by 1st September).

Places are limited and may fill quickly, so early booking is advised. For more information or to join the waiting list, please contact littlespinningyarns@gmail.com.

Led by Sally Spriggs and Hilary Gatehouse, it's a wonderful opportunity for children to develop new skills and unwind at the end of the school day!

Uniform Policy - Update









We have been discussing uniform at the recent Parent Reps meetings. One of the items which came up was the fleeces. This caused a bit of a stir in the school community – thank you to those of you who took the time to email in your thoughts on this. Following the meeting, Mrs Ing and I had a look online at our uniform policy to find that there is no mention of fleeces on there at all. Therefore, they are not part of our school uniform. As a result, we cannot remove something from a policy if it is not actually in there to begin with! We appreciate that some pupils own and enjoy the fleeces, and we are happy for these to continue to be worn in school. However, we have contacted our suppliers to request that they are no longer sold. This means that anyone who still has a fleece can use it until such a time that it no longer fits or is no longer suitable due to wear and tear, but no new fleeces can be ordered. This was the approach which was mutually agreed between school and the Parent Reps.

In addition to this, we will be having some photos taken very soon of children wearing the correct uniform (both branded and unbranded) to support parents in sending their children to school in the appropriate dress. These photos will include PE kit.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Buddies AGM - All Welcome!

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the Buddies AGM at Bishop Wood School on Thursday 11th September at 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity to hear about the work of the Buddies, get involved in upcoming events, and help shape plans for the year ahead. We'd love to see you there!

Tring Carnival Parade

Thank you to the twenty children who joined in the Tring Carnival Parade on Saturday. They were being the best version of themselves and by the looks on their faces, they looked like they were living life in all its fullness!

Celebration

Congratulations to the following pupils who received Governor Awards this week:

3I – Bea B

3S - Grace C

4A – George W

4PS - Ava W

5DR – Magnus M

5H – Esme C

6C – Astrid G

6M – Ronnie B

Useful Reminders

Meet the Teacher

Our ever popular 'Meet the Teacher' sessions will be taking place again in the Autumn Term on the following dates:

Friday 12th September – Year 6

Friday 19th September – Year 5

Friday 26th September – Year 4

Friday 3rd October – Year 3

These meetings will start at 9.15 and last no longer than an hour.

Upcoming Parent Governor Role – September

More information will be sent out in September but if you are interested in this role, please do book a meeting to discuss it with Mr Stanley.

Join the Tidy Tring Team!

Families are warmly invited to take part in the next Tidy Tring Team litter picking event on Saturday 27th July at 9:50am, meeting at Forge Car Park (the main car park). It's a great way to get involved in the community, help look after our environment, and enjoy some fresh air together.

Please bring a hi-vis jacket, gloves, and a litter grabber if you have them, along with water, sturdy shoes, a hat, and rain gear just in case!

For more information, contact the team at ttt@sustainabletring.org.uk or find them on Facebook at Tidy Tring Team (TTT).

HW Dance

It is summer workshop launch day! We have five fabulous summer workshops for you all and for all ages!

- 2 Acro Intensives
- 1 Dance Day
- 1 Cheer Intensive Day
- 1 Mini's Cheer/Pom/Acro Workshop
- West End Musical Theatre Dance Intensive

Email lnfo@hwdance.co.uk to book your space or message 07963 931341!

Thank you and best wishes.

Mr Stanley